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Local Government 101

'Local Government 101' is an insider's view of Franklin Township in action. Various aspects of municipal government are the focus of articles in each issue of the Franklin Times. If you find these articles helpful and have ideas and suggestions for future articles, call 732-873-2500, ext. 6239, or e-mail joyce.miller@twp.franklin.nj.us

Franklin Township Animal Control At Your Service

The Animal Control Division of the Township's Police Department is dedicated to protecting and preserving the well-being of all animals, both domestic and wild. But, even more important, they are there to serve and protect the residents. And that they do in many varied ways.

Staff

The staff consists of one full-time state-certified Animal Control Officer (ACO) and six part-time employees. Two of the part timers are state-certified ACOs. Approximately 150 volunteers from the Second Chance for Animals organization provide services, donations and assistance to the shelter (see more information below). Franklin's Animal Shelter, located in the Municipal complex on DeMott Lane, is open five days a week, but the staff responds to emergencies 24 hours a days, seven days a week.

Rabies

Vaccination of dogs, cats and other domestic animals prevents the transmission of rabies. Controlling stray animals and avoiding contact with wildlife also decreases the threat. Residents are advised to not feed wild animals, nor to remove or relocate wildlife without consulting a professional, and to report all animals that are displaying unusual or vicious behavior to Animal Control.

Dogs and cats by code should be vaccinated once they are four months old.

Free rabies clinics are offered throughout the year. Funding is provided from the State of New Jersey, saving each resident approximately \$40, the average cost of having the shots provided by a private veterinary office. Franklin vaccinated over 440 dogs and 150 cats during the past 12 months. Residents can also take advantage of free clinics offered by neighboring municipalities.

Proof of rabies vaccinations is required at the time residents purchase the annual licenses for cats and dogs.

Surrenders and Adoptions

The shelter houses between 700 and 1,000 animals a year, the majority of whom are adopted. Every attempt is made to match the right pet with the adopting family. The adoption fee of \$60 includes any medical fees incurred if the animal needed attention, de-worming, spay and neuter fees, rabies and distemper shots and a micro-chip for identification. Cats are tested for feline leukemia and dogs are tested for heartworm.

The shelter accepts surrendered animals from those families who can no longer provide a home for their pet. They also house animals left homeless by house fires and natural disasters and animals who have become violent. There aren't too many times when the shelter is not filled to capacity. On November 1, 2012 there were 26 dogs, 85 cats and 1 bird at the shelter.

Injured and orphaned wildlife are rescued and placed with wildlife centers.

While dogs and cats make up the majority of shelter residents, there have been baby raccoons, fawns, an iguana, snakes and birds.

Mascot

CoCo, a 12-year-old cockatoo, has become the shelter's mascot. Surrendered by the owner who had health problems, the very vocal bird has become a hit at visits to schools and has a fondness for pizza and pasta.

Inter-local Agreement

Through an inter-local agreement, the Township provides services to Middlesex Borough, who pays \$28,000 annually for Franklin's staff to provide services and shelter as needed.

Licensing

All dogs older than seven months must be licensed annually during the month of January. The annual fee is \$15 for each dog. In addition to this fee, there is a registration charge for \$1.20 for each altered (spayed/neutered) dog and \$4.20 for each unaltered dog.

Cats older than seven months must be licensed annually during the month of February. The annual fee is \$15.00 for each cat up to two cats, and \$2 for each additional cat. There is a \$1 fee for each registration tag. If the cat is properly micro-chipped, the license tag requirement may be waived.

Licenses are not transferable from one owner to another. There are late licensing fees charged. For further information, see Franklin Code 115-9, the Township website www.franklintwpnj.org, or call the Municipal Clerk's office at 732-873-2500, ext. 6208.

Important Code Reminders

- There is no feeding of deer, Canada geese or wild turkey.
- Offensive odors from pens or enclosures may be declared a nuisance violation subject to a fine.
- All animal bites must be reported to Animal Control. The animal is quarantined for ten days to allow for examination and report by a veterinarian.
- Owners are responsible to clean up after their dogs, and dogs should be restricted to that portion of the street lying between the curb lines.
- No person shall keep any pet that creates a noise disturbance across a residential property line. A noise disturbance is a dog barking continually for ten minutes or intermittently for 30 minutes, unless the dog is provoked.
- Pet owners will be charged a retrieval fee if the animal is loose, caught and temporarily sheltered.

Donations

Donations are always welcome at the shelter. Besides monetary donations, the shelter accepts pet food, towels, blankets, cleaners, bleach, newspapers, and pet toys.

Shelter Hours and Contact Information

The shelter is open for adoptions and other services Tuesday to Saturday, 12 noon to 3 p.m., and Thursday evenings, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. They can be reached at 732-873-2500, ext. 6255.

The Police Department, 732-873-2300, should be called for after-hour emergencies.

Call the police non-emergency number, 732-873-5533, then dial "0" for the dispatcher if there is a dead deer on the road. Be ready to give a location or the nearest intersection. If the deer has "X" painted on its side, the call has already been made and they are waiting for transport.

Second Chance For Animals

Second Chance for Animals is an all-volunteer organization that assists the animal shelter in fundraising, community education, as well as cleaning cages, dog walking, fostering animals when needed, and taking animals to adoption sites throughout central Jersey.

One popular fundraising event is Santa Paws, an opportunity to have a family photo taken with your pet and Santa. See below for details.

For more information on Second Chance, all 732-748-7232 or visit www.secondchanceforanimals.org.

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Non-Emergencies . . . 732-873-2300
 Non-Emergencies
 Auto-Attendant 732-873-5533
 Non-Emergency for Residents
 in 609 area code . . . 732-821-1800
 Non-Emergency Auto-Attendant
 For Residents in 609 area code
 732-821-1888
 Tips Hotline . . 732-873-SAFE (7233)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Main 732-873-2500
 Affordable Housing 6271
 Assistant Manager 6233
 Animal Control 6255
 Assessor 6320
 Clerk (Elections, Dog Licenses,
 Voter Registration) 6208
 Construction Code 6220, 6224
 Construction Code . . 732-873-7283
 Collector 732-873-7284
 Community Resource 6310
 Court 732-873-7285
 Court 6262
 Economic Development 6233
 Engineering 6233
 Finance 6244
 Fire Prevention 6303
 Vital Statistics (Marriage
 and Death Certificates) 6375
 Health Complaint 24/7 6370
 Historic Preservation 6274
 Housing Rehabilitation 6259
 Municipal Alliance 6353
 Open Space 6201
 Personnel 6233
 Planning 6271
 Public Works 732-249-7800
 Purchasing 6239
 Recreation 732-873-1991
 Recreation 6340
 Rent Leveling Board 6274
 Senior Advisory 6347
 Township Manager 6201
 Volunteer Office 6279
 Zoning Officer 6274
 Zoning Bd. of Adj. 6215

WEBSITE

www.franklintwpnj.org

TO CALL TOWN HALL

732-873-2500

E-MAIL

Township Manager:

bob.vornlocker@twp.franklin.nj.us

Township Tax Collector

carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us

Library website

www.franklintwpnj.org

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Board of Education . . 732-873-2400
 Library 732-873-8700
 Sewerage Authority . . 732-873-2121
 Health Department . . 908-231-7155
 Health Education . . . 908-231-7155

Special Thanks

The Franklin Township Fire Prevention Officers were omitted from the Fall issue of the newsletter's list of those who donated their time to the successful 4th of July celebration. Thanks goes to all who made the annual event possible.

Annual Reorganization

Date and time is to be determined and will be posted on the Township website.

FREE RABIES CLINICS

Location:
 Animal Shelter
 475 DeMott Lane

DOGS

January 12, 2013
 8 - 10 a.m.

Dogs should be on leashes

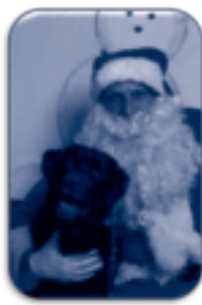
CATS

March 9, 2013
 8 - 10 a.m.

Cats should be in carriers.

Both clinics will be held at the Animal Shelter in the Municipal Complex on DeMott Lane.

Pet owners can take their pets for free rabies shots to any New Jersey municipality and should call each municipality directly to see when their clinics are scheduled.



Bring a donation of pet food and receive a free gift!



SANTA PAWS IS COMING!



SANTA'S VISITS ARRANGED BY:
 SECOND CHANCE FOR ANIMALS
 TO BENEFIT

THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ANIMAL SHELTER
 AND OTHER TOWNSHIP ANIMALS IN NEED

WHAT? TWO 4X6 DIGITAL PICTURES WITH SANTA FOR \$20 OR A USB or CD WITH ALL POSES.

WHERE? SAMPSON G. SMITH SCHOOL:
 1649 Amwell Road, Somerset

WHEN? SATURDAYS: DECEMBER 1, 8, & 15.
 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information, please visit our website

www.secondchanceforanimals.org

or send an email to

santapaws@secondchanceforanimals.org

or Call 732-748-7232

Dogs must be leashed and cats and other small animals in carriers

Council Appoints New Township Manager

After conducting a nationwide search, the Township Council at their October 23, 2012 meeting appointed Robert G. Vornlocker the new Township Manager. Assistant Township Manager Donna Vieiro has been Acting Manager since Craig Novick left the position in June, 2012.

Mr. Vornlocker was a Franklin Township police officer, retiring as Lieutenant after 26 years with the force. He began his career as a communications dispatcher and worked his way through the ranks, spending the last seven years of his police career as the Administrative Division Commander. In that capacity, he worked closely with many of the Township departments and the Township Manager on numerous projects. Upon retirement from the Police Department, he had been working as the Township's Special Projects Manager.

A native central New Jersey resident, Mr. Vornlocker has an impressive resume. He attended Immaculata High School in Somerville and Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and continued his education through numerous other courses over the years. He received special recognition from several organizations, including the Township's Marconi Foundation, the Somerset County Division of Youth and Family Services and National League of Cities.

Mr. Vornlocker, after accepting the position, said "It's a fantastic feeling to have the support of the Township Council. As a Township employee for 27 years, my entire professional career has been dedicated to Franklin. The opportunity to continue in this position is a dream come true."

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS

The Township's open space program will, for the 9th consecutive year, sponsor guided nature walks on Township open space parcels. The 2013 walks begin in March and continue in the Spring and Summer months. The first series of walks will be led by two township residents and avid birders,

Chris and Paula Williams. The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and waterproof footwear.

The walks are free to the public.

SPRING DANCE OF THE WOODCOCK AT THE NEGRI-NEPOTE GRASSLAND PRESERVE

The American Woodcock, a long billed woodland bird probes in soft wet soil of wetlands and eats its weight in worms each day. Woodcock return to Franklin Township in late winter or early spring to mate and nest. Males of the species begin calling and performing an aerial courtship-display-flight when the afternoon shadows are almost gone. We'll hear more than we see. After the woodcock finish, we may look for Spring Peepers.

Friday, March 1, 2013 at 5:45 pm and Friday, March 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm

We will meet at the parking lot located at 260 Skillman's Lane. Walk will be approximately 45 - 60 minutes in length.

We ask that you kindly RSVP so that in case of a cancellation or change we are able to notify you. Questions? Contact Fran Varacalli at franklintrails@gmail.com or at 732.690.7750.

There Is Still Time For The

2012 Travel-The Franklin Trails and Take-A-Photo-From-A-Trail Contest

Visit http://franklintwpnj.org/trails_advisory_committee.html for details

Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Brian Levine - Mayor 732-873-5454 or 732-873-2500, ext. 6396	12/31/15
Mayor.Levine@twp.franklin.nj.us	
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Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us	
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Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us	
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Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us	
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Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us	
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Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us	
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Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Carl R. A. Wright - Councilman, 4th Ward 732-873-2500, ext. 6397	12/31/13
Councilman.Wright@twp.franklin.nj.us	
James Vassanella - Councilman, 5th Ward 732-873-2500, ext. 6328	12/31/13
Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us	

Frequently Asked Questions?

My contractor is waiting for a permit. How long do we have to wait for permits to be issued and for each inspection?

The Construction Department must review permit applications within 20 business days from the date of submission into the Construction Department. Do note that there may be prior approvals required, for example Zoning Department and or Engineering Department approval; this will add additional time to the review process.

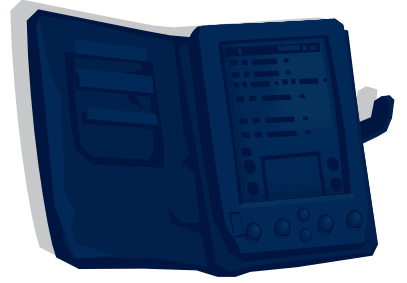
Field inspections are to be done within three business days after the request.

What do we do with old paint cans?

Latex or water-based paints may be air-dried or diluted with water and the can may then be thrown in the regular trash. Oil-based paints should be dropped off at the county's household hazardous waste collections. See schedule on last page of the newsletter.

A Great Time to Start Using Digital Downloads

If you have been waiting to try digital downloads, this is a great time to start. The Franklin Township Public Library currently offers two programs that provide 24/7 access to digital downloads—*OneClickdigital* and *DigitalLibraryNJ*. Each program offers unique audiobook titles, so audiobook fans should explore both. In addition to audio content, *DigitalLibraryNJ* also offers a selection of eBooks. Read on for details!



OneClickdigital offers over 3,900 fiction and non-fiction audiobook titles, including books for teens and children. Patrons can download titles to their computer or listen to them on a portable device, including iPods, iPads and a variety of MP3 players. Free iPhone and Android apps allow direct downloads to portable devices. An app for Kindle Fire users is available from Amazon. *OneClickdigital* requires a valid library card and email address to create a free account and begin downloading.

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Overdrive recently introduced a free Overdrive Media Console App for Nook (available via the Nook App store) that enables browsing, checkout and download of eBooks directly to all Nook devices. Later this year, Overdrive plans to provide browser-compatible eBooks for download to any PC, MAC, or tablet. Samples of these browser-compatible downloads are available now on the *DigitalLibraryNJ* site.

Both the *OneClickdigital* and Overdrive's *DigitalLibraryNJ* services are easily accessible via the eBook & eAudio tab on the Library's homepage. Please visit www.franklintwp.org to explore these programs further, and be sure to contact the Library if you have any questions. Call 732-873-8700, option 3 during library hours for assistance.

Congratulations to Our Retirees, New and Recently-Promoted Employees

New Hires

Omayra Rosa – Deputy Tax Collector
George Habeiche – Police Officer
Steven Ellmyer – Police Officer
Neel Patel – Police Officer
Annette Sorbino – Permit Expediter
Ian Peterkin – Laborer
Joseph Coury – Laborer
Julie Kozo – 911 Telecommunicator
Daniel Labos – 911 Telecommunicator

Retirees

James McDonnell – Sr. Patrolman 25 years
Robert Vornlocker – Sr. Lieutenant 26 years
Kenneth Williams – Lieutenant 25 years
Robert Nemes – Sr. Patrolman 25 years
Richard Ferguson – Sr. Lieutenant 25 years
Christopher Rokicki – Sergeant 25 years
Richard Holz – Truck Driver 25 years
Lawrence Lipowski – Sr. Patrolman 25 years
Tyrone Lewis – Equipment Operator 32 years

Promotions

Richard Grammar – Deputy Chief
Kristen Durham – Lieutenant

Darrin Russo – Lieutenant
Gregory Borlan – Lieutenant
Jolanda Lacewell – Sergeant
Teddy Cerra – Sergeant
Brian Regan – Sergeant
William Ziarkoski – Sergeant
Kenneth Daly – Detective
Mark Keller – Detective
Robert Ellis – Detective
Kenneth Schwarz – Detective Sergeant
Gregory Price – Detective Sergeant
Bryan Stillwell – Detective Sergeant
Mark Reiner – Lieutenant

COUNTY BUS SERVICE IN FRANKLIN

Somerset County has several bus lines serving Franklin Township:

- DASH 851 and DASH 852 travel between the Bound Brook train station and the New Brunswick train station, each taking a different route through the Township.
- DASH 853 is a new route that travels between the New Brunswick train station and Pierce Street and Cottontail Lane, going down JFK Blvd and Hamilton Street.
- CAT -1R travels through Franklin, from the Bound Brook train station to the Somerville train station, making a stop at the Raritan Valley Community College.

The fare is \$2 for a one-way ride, and exact change is required.

For information and schedules, call 908-231-7151 or visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/scootdash.html.

Affordable Housing

Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) is a HUD certified non-profit housing counseling agency located in Raritan. Franklin has contracted with CJHRC to provide one-on-one counseling and group programs. They will assist in finding senior, low and moderate-income housing options either to rent or buy. Grants are available to assist with down payments and closing costs. Applicants looking for affordable rental or purchase units must apply and be certified based on income and household size. For information, call 908-704-9649 or visit www.cjhrc.org.



The old cottage and Church Franklin Park N.J.
Photo. by M.S.G. Dec. 9 1904

The Old Cottage and Six Mile Run Reformed Church -- 1904

This photograph of the Six Mile Run Reformed Church was taken by Martin Schenck Garretson of Franklin Park on December 9, 1904. The Six Mile Run Church was first organized in 1710 and the first church was built in 1717. The church building pictured here was built in December 1879.

DECEMBER, 2012;
JANUARY AND
FEBRUARY, 2013
**PUBLIC
MEETINGS**

Township Council
Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
December 11
January 8, 22 -- February 12, 26

Planning Board
Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
December 5, 19
January 9, 16, 23
February 6, 20, 27

Board of Adjustment
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 6, 20
January 10, 17 -- February 7, 21

Advisory Board of Health
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 5
January -- February 6

Agricultural Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 8 p.m.
December 20
January 17 -- February 21

Cable TV Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 3
January 7 -- February 4

Emergency Life Support
Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
January 2

Environmental Commission
Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 3
January 7 -- February 4

Fire Prevention Board
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 13
January 10 -- February 14

**Hamilton Street
Business Community Board**
604 Hamilton Street 6:30 p.m.
December -- January -- February
To Be Announced

Historic Preservation Commission
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 12
January 9 -- February 13

Human Relations Commission
Township Library 7:00 p.m.
December
January 28 -- February 25

**Municipal Alliance for the
Prevention of Substance Abuse**
Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
December
January 23 -- February 27

Open Space Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 18
January 15 -- February 19

Recreation Advisory Council
Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
December 12
January 9 -- February 13

Redevelopment Agency
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 17
January 28 -- February 25

Rent Leveling Board
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
As needed

Senior Advisory Committee
Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
December - No Meeting
January 25 -- February 22

Sewerage Authority
70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
December 4
January -- February 5

Shade Tree Commission
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December
January 24 -- February 28

Trails Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
January 9
March 13

Youth Service Commission
Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
December
January 23 -- February 27

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Utility Company Contact Information

Verizon
[http://www2.verizon.com/
residentialhelp/](http://www2.verizon.com/residentialhelp/)
1-800-837-4966

Comcast
www.comcast.com
1-800-266-2278

Residents must contact the
company to request credits for any
outages

Report all outages and requests for
credit directly to the company.

Board of Public Utilities
www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance
1-800-624-0241

NJ Office of Cable Television
[http://www.nj.gov/bpu/about/
divisions/cable/](http://www.nj.gov/bpu/about/divisions/cable/)
1-800-624-0331

PSE&G
[http://www.pseg.com/customer/
home/overview.jsp](http://www.pseg.com/customer/home/overview.jsp)
1-800-436-7734

Water
Maintenance ONLY
1-732-873-2500, ext. 6290
1-732-249-7800

Billing
1-732-873-2500, ext. 6335

Sewerage Authority
<http://ftsa-nj.org/>
732-873-2121

Got Cable? Share Your Thoughts in the On-Line Survey

The Franklin Township Cable Advisory TV Committee (CATV) is looking for residents' opinion about their cable service.

Franklin's franchise agreement with Comcast expires December 11, 2014, and the Township is currently in the ascertainment period. The results of the survey will be used in the Township Council's preparation for the New Jersey Office on Cable Television (OCTV)-required Municipal Report and negotiations.

While there is a franchise agreement in place, the contracts are between the resident and the cable provider. The Township has no authority to negotiate these individual contracts or settle disputes. The rates charged by each company are regulated in accordance with the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and OCTV.

However, there are some points which can be negotiated, and it is for that reason that residents' input is so important.

Verizon's franchise agreement is with the State of New Jersey and will not be part of the negotiations. Franklin has no jurisdiction and cannot require Verizon to expand their service into new areas of the Township.

More information on the franchise agreement renewal can be found on the Township website: http://franklintwpnj.org/cable_tv_committee.html, and on the OCTV website: <http://www.state.nj.us/bpu/pdf/cablepdfs/FranchiseRenewalGuide.pdf>.

The survey will take only a few minutes and can be found on the Township's Cable TV webpage, www.franklintwpnj.org or at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/franklintwpctac2012>.

Reminder—Tax Payments Due February 1

Tax bills are due February 1, 2013, with the grace period ending February 10. Please use the tax bill previously mailed, coupon #2013-1. You can pay on the Township website at www.franklintwpnj.org. Go to Departments, Revenue Collection, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to begin making your payment.

Options for Tax and Water Payments

After-Hour Payments

There is a drop box outside the Public Safety Building for tax and water payments. This is only for payments made after 4:30 p.m. by check (no cash). Pickup will be at 8:30 a.m. in the morning.

On-Line Payments

OPTION 1: On-line payments. Links are on the Revenue Department's web page, http://www.franklintwpnj.org/dept_revenue_collection1.html. There are fees of 2.9% for payments by credit cards and \$1.00 for ACH payments. There is no charge to review or print your statement on line.

OPTION 2: On-line payments through bank's websites. These are not electronic transactions and checks still are mailed. It is important to allow enough time for mailing in order to avoid late payments.

Winter Property Maintenance Reminders

- Residents are required to remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of the snowstorm. Police do issue tickets for non-compliance.
- Shoveling or blowing snow onto the roadway is not allowed.
- The Public Works Department will repair or install a standard mailbox and post as deemed necessary when a resident's mailbox has been damaged by a Township vehicle. This repair/replacement will be done as soon as possible AFTER the snow plowing and cleaning of Township roads has been completed. Residents should call Public Works at 732-249-7800 as soon as the damaged is discovered.
- It is suggested that residents look to remove dead trees on their property before a storm to prevent damage to their property or to their neighbor's property.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION HOLDS SIXTH ANNUAL SALE

SPECIAL HURRICANE and SNOWSTORM PRICING

To help replace trees damaged by Irene and the Halloween snowstorm, the Shade Tree Commission is again offering trees for Spring 2013. This year's trees are the flowering Kwanzan Cherry and the ever-popular October Glory red maple. These are 6-8 foot bare root trees ready for planting. Orders are now being taken on a first-come first serve basis. If there is no availability, your check will be returned and you will be notified. All proceeds are used to plant MORE trees in Franklin.

The following conditions apply:

- All sales are final and no guarantees are made or implied
- The purchaser or designee must pick up the trees on the given date (trees will fit in a car)
- The Township or Shade Tree Commission will not plant the tree.

Shade Tree Sale Order form (for pickup and planting in spring 2013)

Quantity (limit 3 TOTAL-mix & match)

Type of tree

October glory Red Maple

Medium to fast growth; Will tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, especially moist to wet sites; Excellent dark red color late October to Early November. Excellent shade tree for lawn or street tree planting.

Kwanzan cherry

Kwanzan Cherry has double-pink, very attractive flowers. Reaching 15 to 25 feet tall, it is attractive in locations such as near a patio or as a specimen. The tree is glorious in flower and has been planted in Washington, D.C., for the annual Cherry Blossom Festival. It prefers full sun, is intolerant of poor drainage, and is easily transplanted. A great alternative to the Bradford Pear.

Pricing: 1/\$60; 2/\$100; 3/\$135

Total \$ _____

(Please make checks payable to Franklin Twp.)

Mail: c/o Shade Tree Commission 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail (Preferred): _____

(you MUST provide us contact info so we can let you know when to pick up)

No orders will be accepted without payment. Pickup will be in late March/early April. You will be notified by phone or e-mail. The following conditions apply: 1) all sales are final-no refunds and no guarantees are made or implied; 2) the purchaser or designee must pick up the trees on the given date (trees will fit in a car); 3) the Shade Tree Commission will not plant your tree.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Winter 2013 Information & Registration

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - WHERE MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

FRANKLIN IN TECHNOLOGY

Franklin In Technology computer classes are designed for the adult learner, age 18 and older. With a maximum of nine students, participants are able to receive individualized attention in a comfortable setting. Classes will run for 8 weeks at the Franklin Township Community Senior Center, located at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ in the Franklin Township Municipal Complex. Sign up today!

Program	Program Descriptions	Day	Program Dates	Time	Fee	Activity Number
COPY OF CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION						
Internet/ E-mail	Basic Computer skills req. You will learn how to search on the web and communicate via e-mail.	Mondays	2/4/13 - 4/1/13 No class 2/18/13	9:00 am - 10:30 am	\$70 Res/\$140 Non- Resident	67711-55
Learning Computing I	This course is for the beginner with no computer experience and is designed to help students get comfortable using the computer. (Students may not take any other class while taking this one.)	Wednesdays	2/6/13- 3/27/13	9:15 am - 10:45 am	\$70 Res/\$140 Non- Resident	67711-51
		Thursdays	2/7/13 - 3/28/13	10:00 am - 11:30 am		67711-49
Learning Computing II	A general review of the Learning Comp. I course is provided. Students will be introduced to additional features of Microsoft Office and other applications. Students should know how to use the keyboard, mouse, open applications and save files.	Wednesdays	2/6/13 - 3/27/13	11:00 am - 12:30 pm	\$70 Res/\$140 Non- Resident	67711-52
		Thursdays	2/7/13 - 3/28/13	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		67711-50
Word Intermediate - Advanced	Some experience in Microsoft Word is required. This course is for those who would like to learn more about editing, formatting, creating documents and some of the special features of Word.	Fridays	2/1/13 -3/22/13	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	\$70 Res/\$140 Non- Resident	67711-54
Excel Intermediate - Advanced	Some experience in Microsoft Excel is required. This course is for those who would like to learn the more advanced features of this Microsoft product.	Fridays	2/1/13 -3/22/13	2:00 pm- 3:30 pm	\$70 Res/\$140 Non- Resident	67711-53

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SPECIALTY YOUTH PROGRAMS

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PRESENTS:

"THE ESSENCE OF TEACHING IS TO MAKE LEARNING CONTAGIOUS, TO HAVE ONE IDEA SPARK"

Come join us for SPARK, a series of FREE workshops for kids in grades 5 - 6 designed to help you spark the next big idea!

AWESOME ARCHITECTURE

Monday, December 10, 6pm to 7:30pm

@ The Franklin Twp. Community/Senior Center (next to the library)
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. For more info, call 732.873.1991 (option 4)



WHEN I GROW UP...

Learn more about different careers such as being a teacher, police officer, firefighter, and doctor by meeting the amazing people that do it every day! Join us for fun-filled day with games, crafts, speakers, and more!

Grades: K-4

When: Saturday, December 15, 2012
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Where: Franklin Township Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873

Phone: (732) 873-1991 (Option 4)

Cost: \$5.00 ; \$7.00 at the door



SATURDAY ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES

DECEMBER 15, 2012 9 AM - 12 NOON

FRANKLIN PARK SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Electronics Ages 7-12 Fee \$30
Birth Certificate Required

Young scientists will enter into the world of electronics in a hands-on way. Students will work with batteries, bulbs, buzzers, a wide variety of other household items and Snap Circuits building system to put together a wide array of electronic circuits. Build and take home a working electric motor, electro-plate real coins and other items. Construct an electro-magnet, alarm, space gun, and more. There will also be indoor lighting and hair-raising demonstrations! All students will take home a motor project, electromagnet & more!

BLAST OFF! SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2013

Join us for an "out of this world" experience on a tour through the solar system filled with cosmic crafts and galactic games!

TIME: 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
ONLY \$6 IN ADVANCE, \$8 AT THE DOOR
OPEN TO GRADES K - 4

LOCATED AT THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER
505 DEMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ 08873

Call 732-873-1991 (Option 4) for more information.

Sponsored by the Franklin Township Youth Council Environmental Committee.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE AND OTHER FRANKLIN RECREATION PROGRAMS USING THE REGISTRATION INFORMATION FORM.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION WINTER 2013 RECREATION PROGRAMS

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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
Paperwork needed for ALL Youth program registration: copy of Current year report card and Birth Certificate								
	Toddlers' Adventure	Six-session program designed for a parent and child to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, active play, parachute games, arts & crafts, and social interaction play.	12-24 Months	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/19-3/2 (No Class 2/9)	9:00-10:00am	Community Center	\$35 30110-D2
			25-36 Months			10:10-11:10am		\$35 30110-D3
	Sport Squirts	Children will sample a variety of sports including: soccer; hockey; t-ball; lacrosse; and tennis, all in a safe, structured and fun environment with focus on movement, coordination, and skill improvement.	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/19-3/2 (No Class 2/9)	9:00-10:00am	Community Center	\$105 12011-W1
			3-5 Years			10:10-11:10am		\$105 12011-W2
			3-5 Years			11:20am-12:20pm		\$105 12011-W3
	Chess Beginners	Children will learn how to play the game of chess and develop strategies to become better chess players in this 8-week program.	Grades K-6	Report Card	Mondays 1/7-3/11 (No class 1/21 & 2/18)	6:00-7:30pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$100 43011-11
	Chess Intermediate/Advanced		Grades K-6		Mondays 1/7-3/11 (No class 1/21 & 2/18)	7:30-9:00pm		\$100 43011-12
	Dance Sampler	Children will be introduced to and taught a variety of dance styles including: ballet, jazz and hip-hop. They will learn creative movement and motor skill development in a fun environment. A small "show" for family and friends will be held on the last day of class.	3 - 4 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 1/27- 2/24	1:00-1:30pm	Community Center	\$50 31000-01
			5 - 6 Years		Sundays 1/27- 2/24	1:45-2:30pm		\$55 31000-02
			7 - 8 Years		Sundays 1/27- 2/24	2:45-3:30pm		\$55 31000-03
	Girls' Softball	T-Ball Juniors Minors	Grades K-1	Report Card	Saturdays April - June	Mornings; Early Afternoon	Consovoy/ Inman Park	Please to be placed on an interest list.
			Grades 2-3					
			Grades 4-6					

YOUTH TENNIS SKILLS CLINIC PROGRAM

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Beginners' Tennis Skills Clinic	All levels are welcome but this beginners' skills clinic will focus primarily on basic tennis fundamentals including forehand, backhand, volleying and serving.	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/19-2/16 (No Program 2/9/13)	1:00-2:00pm	Community Center	\$50	43521-N1
					2:05-3:05pm		\$50	43521-N2
					3:10-4:10pm		\$50	43521-N3

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS: YOUTH/TEEN/ADULT

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
	Girls' Hot Shot Basketball	Hot Shot Basketball Programs These 8-week programs will concentrate on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games.	Report Card	Saturdays 1/12-3/2	8:30-9:15am	Franklin Park School	\$40	31021-H1	
					9:15-10:15am		\$50	31021-H2	
					10:15-11:15am		\$50	31021-H3	
					11:15-12:15pm			31021-H4	
					12:15-1:30pm		\$55	31021-H5	
					1:30-2:45pm			31021-H6	
					2:45-3:30pm		\$40	31021-H7	
					3:30-4:15pm			31021-H8	
	Girls' Basketball	Grades 4-6	Report Card	Saturdays 1/5-3/23	1:00-4:00pm* *First two weeks will be 1-3pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$150	31022-GI	
	Boys' Junior Basketball	Grades 3 & 4		Saturdays 1/5-3/23	1:00-4:00pm* *First two weeks will be 1-3pm	Franklin Middle School	\$150	31022-JB	
	Boys' Intermediate Basketball	Grades 5 & 6		Saturdays 1/5-3/23	9:00-12pm** **First two weeks will be 9-11am	Sampson G. Smith School	\$150	31022-IB	
	Adult Executive Basketball	Pick-up basketball games for adults 25+. Walk-in or Mail-in Registration	25 Years+	Drivers License with Picture ID	Mondays thru 6/3/13 (No Program on 1/21, 2/18, 4/1 & 5/27)	7:00-10:00pm	Franklin Middle School	\$30	61045-EB

PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Pre-School (Ages 3-5, not yet in Grade K) School-Age (K-6)	A variety of recreational/educational programs are being planned for pre-school (ages 3-5)/school-age (Gr. K-6) children. Programs to include: Art, Science, Music, Sports, Environmental Education, and more!!	Various Ages including: Ages 3-5 years and Grades K-6	Birth Certificate for Pre-School Report Card for School-Age Programs	Varies based on program	* Further information will be available for specific programs through fliers and the Township Website (www.franklintwpnj.org) ** Please call the Recreation @732-873-1991 (Option # 4) or e-mail franklinrec@twp.franklin.nj.us to be placed on a mailing list.		

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
	Teen Recreation	Basketball; Arts & Crafts; Trips; Game Room; Life Skills; & Special Events. Register via office, mail, or on-site.	Grades 7-12	Report Card w/ school ID	Tues - Thurs thru May	7:00-9:00pm	Franklin Middle School	Free	55532-TR
	Boys' Council	Boys' Council is a strength-based group approach to promote boys' and young men's safe, strong, and healthy passage through pre-teen/adolescent years.	Grades 7-8	Report Card	Tuesdays 1/15/13 - 3/26/13	2:30pm-4:30pm	Franklin Middle School		
	Co-Ed Volleyball Walk-in or Mail-in Registration	A program of pick-up games for adults 18 and older. 7:00- 9:00PM is recreational play; 9:00-10:00PM is more competitive play.	18 Years+	Drivers License	Tuesdays Thru 5/7/13 (No program on 3/26)	7:00-10:00pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$30	66532-VB
	Adult Zumba	An 8-session class that's a fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, fun, and	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Thurs 1/24-3/14	6:00-7:00pm	Community Center	\$30	36044-01
						7:30-8:30pm		\$30	36044-02
	Adult Aerobics	Different types of aerobic/strength activities to burn calories, tone muscles, and improve metabolism.	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Mondays & Wednesdays 1/7/13 - 3/11/13 (No Class 1/21 and 2/18/12)	7:30-8:30	Community Center	\$50	36043-01
	Adult Ceramics	Participants will work with slab clay as well as paint/glaze/fire their pieces under the direction of Joana Peralta, FMS Ceramics teacher.	16 Years +	1/18/12-4/19/12 (No class 3/29, 4/5)	Fridays	6:00-8:00pm	Franklin Middle School-Rm. 519	\$125	67512-01

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Program	Age	Dates	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	10:30 am	Senior Center	Dues
	60 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	10:00 am	Senior Center	Dues
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	12:30 pm	Senior Center	Dues
	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon:12:45-2:30pm; Fri:10-11:15 am; 12-1:45pm		Senior Center	County
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Fri.	12:30-1:30 pm	Senior Center	Free
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	2:00-3:00 pm	Senior Center	\$10/residents
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wed. & Thurs.	10:00 am; 1:00 pm	Senior Center	Free
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	11:45 am	Senior Center	Free
	55 Years +	Year Round	Fridays	12:00-1:00 pm	Senior Center	\$60/residents
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	11:30 am-12:30 pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Thurs.	10:30 am	Senior Center	Free
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 am	Senior Center	Free
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30-10:30 am	Senior Center	\$35/residents
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon & Wed	9:30 am	Senior Center	Free
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	1:30 pm	Senior Center	Free

The Community/Senior Center is open Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:15 pm for Senior Citizen drop-in activities in the Card/Reading/Computer Room; Billiards Room; and Crafts Room. For transportation call Somerset County: 1-800-246-0527. A monthly Senior Citizen's Calendar with detailed info about these programs and more is available at the Center located 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ or online at www.franklintwpnj.org. For further information, please contact Shonda Sanchez, Senior Citizen Coordinator, at 732-873-1991, option 4.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Winter 2013 Information & Registration



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - WHERE MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

P.L.A.Y!

(Preschoolers Learning Athletics Year-Round)

The Franklin Township Recreation offers the P.L.A.Y. Program for 4 & 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten on a seasonal basis during the school year. This Saturday morning program is inclusive (open to special education & regular education children). Basic skills are taught in Basketball (Winter), T-Ball (Spring), and Soccer (Fall).

To be placed on the mailing list, please call the Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991 or e-mail franklinrec@twp.franklin.nj.us

SKATE PARK

Register for 2013!



Middlebush Park on DeMott Lane. Annual fee \$10 valid 1/1/13-12/31/13. Register in person at the Recreation Office, with birth certificate or drivers license, skateboard and all safety equipment for Safety Clinic. **Please call ahead to make sure that someone is available to administer the Safety Clinic.** A parent/guardian must be present at the park with participants 12 years old and under. **For more info, call: 732-873-1991, option #4.**

Teen Leadership Conference

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012
9:00 AM-12:30PM

SAMPSON G. SMITH SCHOOL

COLLEGE SURVIVAL SKILLS

DECISION MAKING

THE NEW DRUGS:

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN KILL YOU

Call to Register 732.873.1991 (option 4)

Sponsored by the Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

FRANKLIN RECREATION

Harmony Club

Harmony Club has been developed by the Franklin Township Recreation for Residents with Special Needs. This specially designed program, for age 6 through adult, meets throughout the year for Monthly Fun Days; Family Programs; Swim Trips; and Dances.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: TEEN DROP-IN NIGHTS!

For more info and to sign up for the mailing list, please contact Sue van Aken, Superintendent of Recreation at 732-873-1991 or sue.vanaken@twp.franklin.nj.us

Angel Giving Tree

Franklin Township wants to spread a little cheer this holiday season by collecting non-perishable food items as well as new, unwrapped gifts for Franklin families and U.S. troops. Donations will be forwarded to the Franklin Food Bank, Franklin families in need, and Operation Jersey Cares. Please see www.franklintwpnj.org for the full list of needed items.



got summer?

We Do at Franklin Township Parks & Recreation!

Franklin Recreation is offering tons of fun this summer for kids of all ages including swimming, tennis, Destination Discovery, full and half-day camps at our indoor and outdoor facilities, pre-school programs, multi-sports camps and much, much more. Make sure to find out all Franklin Township has to offer when making your summer plans this year! For more info, please contact us at (732) 873-1991.

Save the dates: July 1 - August 16, 2013!
Detailed info available starting April 2013.



Where Do We Call?

The following organizations run independently of Franklin Recreation Department and administer their own program including registration, schedules, fees and organizational structure.

Franklin Twp. Little League 732.828.1233
www.FTLBaseball.com

Franklin Township Soccer Club 732.699.0002 www.ftsonline.org

Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading www.ftpw.org

South Bound Brook/Somerset Little League 732.469.7761
www.sbbsll.com /sbbsll@yahoo.com

Franklin Township Wrestling www.franklinwrestlingclub.com

Adult Slo-Pitch Softball 609.395.9167

Walk-in/Mail-in registration for **Adult Executive Basketball, Teen Recreation, Co-Ed Volleyball** can begin immediately. All other registration will be accepted via **MAIL** with a postmark of **DECEMBER 14 or LATER ONLY. PLEASE NOTE, REGISTRATIONS WITH EARLIER POSTMARK DATES WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.** Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

We will begin accepting mail in registrations starting with postmark dates of December 14, 2012. No walk-ins accepted until Dec. 21, 2012 (unless otherwise noted).

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

We will be accepting mail-in registrations with postmark dates of **DECEMBER 14 OR LATER.** Registrations with earlier postmark dates will be returned to sender.

Registrations need to include the following information:

- Fully completed registration form, including: Participants Name, Address, home/work/cell phone number, age, grade, and program activity number
- Proper registration documentation as noted on previous page, i.e.: Birth Certificate, Report Card, etc.
- Separate checks** for each individual program and participant. Checks or Money Orders are accepted and should be made payable: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
- Mail in registration forms to: Franklin Township Recreation, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2012.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

NO PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

The Franklin Twp. Recreation **will not** call to confirm your placement into a program/activity. Please make note of your program dates. You can call to confirm your placement into a class beginning Friday, **December 21, 2012.** If you do not get into a class, your check will be returned and your name placed on a waiting list. If an opening becomes available in a closed program, the space will be offered to the first person on the waiting list. If that person declines or is unreachable after two attempts, the staff will then contact the next person on the list.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION: Beginning December 21, 2012 **IMPORTANT:** Please note that only classes with openings left will be available. The Franklin Township Parks & Recreation is located at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 at the Senior/Community Center. Phone #: 732.873.1991(Dial 4 for the front desk) Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of inclement weather, announcements regarding cancellations will be aired on WCTC Radio Station (1450AM). You may also contact Recreation when weather is questionable at 732.873.1991 and press 1 for weather.

HOLIDAYS: Regular activities will not be held on the following days:
December 24-January 1: Holiday Break February 18: President's Day
January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: Franklin Recreation encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in regular program activities. Please contact us for info regarding enrollment into programs that will be most beneficial for our disabled population at 732-873-1991(Option 4).

CO-EDUCATIONAL POLICY: The Franklin Township Parks & Recreation Department offers programs in a non-discriminatory fashion except in physical contact sports.

SEE POLICY: A fee schedule has been established and is set forth in the brochure in order to defray the cost of programs. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE FRANKLIN RECREATION OFFICE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM. Program costs are not prorated.

RESIDENCY POLICY: All fees listed are for Township residents. Non-residents may enroll in a program if spots remain following all Township resident applications and at double the listed fee.

REFUND POLICY: No refunds/credits will be given after a program begins. Refunds/Credits will be approved only if: an activity is cancelled, an activity has reached maximum enrollment, or if a request in writing is received prior to the start of the program.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Please include a copy of child's birth certificate or a copy of a current year report card where noted; and copy of driver's license for adult programs!!
Registration is incomplete without proper identification and will not be processed.

Activity#	Participant Name		AGE	GENDER	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	ACTIVITY NAME	PAYMENT	
	LAST	FIRST						CASH	CHK #

ADULT PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION INFO	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME	
	ADDRESS			
	CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL
	HOME	WORK		
	EMERGENCY NAME	RELATIONSHIP		EMERGENCY PHONE

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

My child will be picked up by (Mother's Name) _____ (Father's Name) _____

(Other) _____ (Relationship) _____ My child has permission to walk/bike home YES NO

At Franklin Recreation, it is our goal to provide a safe and rewarding experience for all participants. We ask that you indicate if there are any medical concerns/medication, allergies, emotional or learning issues that we should be aware of? Yes No. If yes, please explain? _____

Yes No Please indicate if you will grant us permission to discuss your child's individual needs with the Franklin Township Board of Education so that we can make appropriate arrangements to best meet the needs of your child.

I hereby authorize the Franklin Township Parks & Recreation to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I have read and agree to abide by the policies & procedures listed above.

I understand that my child is participating in a publicly run program and that photographs taken at the program may be used for display and publicity purposes by the Township. Please check the appropriate box: Yes, I WILL allow No, I WILL NOT allow my child's picture to be used for display/publicity purposes by the Franklin Township.

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to allow the individual(s) named hereon to participate in the Franklin Township Recreation Department activities. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the participant(s) named hereon is/are physically fit and able to engage in Recreational activities. My signature acknowledges that I understand and agree to the above conditions.

Signature Name Printed Date PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPANT

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township Convenience Center

Location: Corner of School Ave. & Berry St. – 732-249-7800
Weather permitting, the Center is open:
Every OTHER Saturday – All Year Long – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mondays Starting in April – 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.



CALENDAR

Dates for 2013 were not available at time of publication of the newsletter. To check the dates, visit the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org, or call Public Works, 732-249-7800.

TO PURCHASE A PASS - Residents can only buy passes during the week at:

Public Works Building – 40 Churchill Avenue

Monday thru Friday – 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Township Clerk's Office – 475 DeMott Lane

Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The Center is open to **Residents ONLY**, and **ALL RESIDENTS MUST** present a valid Driver's License to verify residency to qualify and purchase a pass.

Annual Leaf Collection

Annual curbside collection ended in November.

Until December 7, leaf bags can be brought to the Department of Public Works Building on Churchill Avenue Mondays to Fridays, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They can be brought to the Convenience Center any time throughout the year when the Center is open (no charge). Reminder: **ONLY** leaves should be in the leaf bags.

FREE LEAF BAGS

Any brown paper recyclable leaf bag purchased from either the Township or from a retail store dropped off at the Convenience Center or Public Works and will be replaced with a new bag at **NO CHARGE**.

Somerset County Recycling – 732-469-3363

<http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.html>

Curbside Pickup

Somerset County will continue the curbside recycling. Items need to be on the curb no later than 7 am.

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

December 13, 27; January 10, 24; February 7, 21

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

December 14, 28; January 11, 25; February 8, 22

Drop Off Recycling

Somerset Recycling Center

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater

First Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Consumer Electronics

Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somerset, 732-564-3110

Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bernards Township Public Works Garage, 277 So. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge

March 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Medical Waste Disposal

Sharp needles and other similar waste should never be recycled. Disposal containers are available at:

St. Peters Hospital, 732-745-8600, ext. 8282

Somerset medical Center, 908-685-2200, ext. 3258

Princeton medical Center, 609-497-4266

Hunterdon Medical Center, 908-237-6920

Unwanted, Expired or Unused Medicines Disposal

County Administration Building, 20 Grove Street, Somerville (lower level)

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Christmas Tree Collection

Please make sure that all lights, wire, decorations and tinsel have been removed from the tree. Snow removal takes priority over tree pickup, so please be patient.

Curbside: Mondays, January 7 and January 14

Convenience Center, Berry Street: Trees can be brought to the Convenience Center on any date the Center is open (standard pass charges will apply).

Colonial Park, Parking Lot F, December 26 through January 31: For more information, call 908-722-9292, press 6.

Keep Franklin Township's Water Clean

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed into storm drains or drainage ditches, then directly into our rivers, drinking supplies, lakes and the ocean. It's easy to do your part in keeping pollutants out of stormwater. Here's how:

Clean up after your pet - Pet waste is not only a nuisance; it can be washed into catch basins and streams and can cause sickness if it gets in our water supply. The Township Pet Waste Ordinance (Ord. #806) ensures the proper disposal of pet waste.

Don't litter! – Trash that is thrown into the street is swept downstream in a storm and ends up in our waterways. Township Ordinance #1478 deals with littering.

Properly dispose of hazardous waste – Cleansers, lawn products, motor oil, batteries, and paints are among the many items in your home that contain hazardous ingredients. Dispose of these items at the proper location such as at the Somerset County Recycling Center located at 40 Polhemus Lane in Bridgewater. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of waste. **Remember that TVs, computers and other consumer electronics must now be recycled!**

Don't feed wildlife – The feeding of deer, Canada geese or wild turkey creates waste that can be washed into our water supply. Township Ordinance #3254 deals with wildlife feeding.

Properly dispose of yard waste – Don't rake or blow leaves and grass into roadways and storm drains. Public Works collects leaves in brown paper recyclable leaf bags during Mondays in the fall. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of yard waste.

Do not illicitly connect to storm sewers – It is illegal and dangerous to discharge domestic sewage or industrial waste into a storm sewer. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) deals with illicit connections.

Keep refuse containers / dumpsters covered – Keep all garbage containers covered and prevent them from overflowing and leaking. Township Ordinance #3861-10 deals with refuse containers.

Private storm drain inlet retrofitting – If a business or homeowner's association is resurfacing or making alterations near drainage structures, they are required to upgrade their inlets to ones with restricted openings. More information and eco-friendly inlet details are available through the Township Engineering Department. Township Ordinance #3862-10 deals with inlet retrofitting.